

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION

IN RE:)
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THELMA LOUISE HAGOOD) CASE NO. 02-62510 JPK
) Chapter 13
Debtor.)

ORDER CONCERNING APPLICATION TO EMPLOY BROKER

On July 11, 2005, the Debtor filed her Application For Authority to Employ and Pay Real Estate Broker. Although the application generally states the terms of the arrangement between the proposed realtor and the Debtor, the application was not accompanied by the contract proposed to be entered into between the Debtor and the broker. Pursuant to I.C. 32-21-1-10, contracts with realtors for procuring a purchaser for real property must be in writing (similarly, I.C. 25-6.1-6-4 requires contracts with auctioneers to be in writing). The Court deems it absolutely necessary that contracts between a Debtor and a professional who is to perform services for the estate, be in writing, so that there can be no dispute concerning services to be performed or compensation to be received by the professional.

IT IS ORDERED that no further action will be taken on the Debtor's Application until an amended application is filed which includes a copy of the written agreement to be entered into between the Debtor and the proposed broker.

Dated at Hammond, Indiana on August 3, 2005.

/s/ J. Philip Klingeberger
J. Philip Klingeberger
United States Bankruptcy Court

Distribution:
Debtor, Attorney for Debtor
Trustee, US Trustee